IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

MONDAY, THE 20TH AUGUST 2007 / 29TH SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 24235 of 2007(I)

PETITIONER:

SATHEESH, S/O.APPUNNI,
PUTHUKULANGARA HOUSE, KADALUNDI P.O.,
KOZHIKODE.

BY ADV. SRI.P.CHANDRASEKHAR
SRI.VIJAI MATHEWS

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM.

2. THE TAHSILDAR, THIRURANGADI.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 20/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

WP(C) NO. 24235 OF 2007 - I

Dated this the 20th day of August, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.KL-10-T 2067 was seized on allegation of unauthorised transportation of river sand. The contention of the petitioner is that although the seizure was on 29.7.2007, no final orders have been passed by the first respondent yet. Therefore, the petitioner seeks interim custody of the vehicle pending final orders to be passed by the first respondent.

2. I have heard the learned Government Pleader also.

3. After hearing both sides, I dispose of this writ petition with a direction to the first respondent to give interim custody of the vehicle to the petitioner on the petitioner depositing an amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) and producing proof of ownership of the vehicle. This is subject to further condition that the petitioner shall not alienate or

otherwise part with possession of the vehicle till final orders are passed by the first respondent. The first respondent shall pass final orders in the matter, expeditiously.

S. SIRI JAGAN,
Judge

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S.SIRI JAGAN, J

W.P.(C) NO. OF 2001

J U D G M E N T

DATED:01-06-2007